**Amendments to the Claims:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for searching <u>a list of available programs from</u> an electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a list of available programs;

generating a ~~user~~-query in response to a command by a user, <u>wherein the user command comprises a request to generate program recommendations from the available programs;</u>

said ~~user~~-query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on <u>at least one</u> a prior ~~query~~-search that has been executed by the user<u> to obtain program recommendations;</u> and

comparing attributes of said available programs to said attribute-value pairs <u>specified by</u> ~~in~~ said query to identify programs <u>from the available programs</u> satisfying said query.

2.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein said generating step is performed automatically in response to said user command<u> by accessing a historical search database that indicates a number of times that each attribute-value pair appears in the at least one prior search.</u>

3.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1, wherein said user command is <u>provided by</u> a single button click.

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4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one of said attribute-value pairs selected based on <u>the at least one</u> a prior search is obtained using the top-N search terms, [[(]]where N is a positive number,[[)]] that have been previously used in a query for said attribute.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of decomposing said query to identify attribute-value pairs contained in said query and incrementing a counter indicating a number of times each of said attribute-value pairs appears in a ~~user~~ query.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising the steps of:

receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieving <u>at least one</u> ~~one or more~~ prior ~~query~~ <u>search of the electronic program guide</u> ~~searches~~ that ~~have~~ <u>has</u> been executed by said user; and

generating said query <u>to include</u> ~~comprised of~~ at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said <u>at least one</u> prior ~~query~~ <u>search</u> ~~searches~~.

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8.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 7, wherein said generating step is performed automatically in response to said user command <u>by accessing a historical search database that indicates a number of times that each attribute-value pair appears in the at least one prior search</u>.

9.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 7, wherein said user command is <u>provided by</u> a single button click.

10.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 7, wherein said at least one of said attribute-value pairs selected based on said <u>at least one</u> prior <u>search</u> ~~queries~~ is obtained using the top-N search terms, <u>[[(]]where N is a positive number.[[)]]</u> that have been previously used in a query for said attribute.

11.   (Original)   The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.

12.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of decomposing said query to identify attribute-value pairs contained in said query and incrementing a counter indicating a number of times each of said attribute-value pairs appears in a ~~user-~~query.

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13. (Currently Amended) A method for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising the steps of:

receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieving the top-N, [[(]]where N is greater than or equal to zero,[[)]] attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in at least one prior a query-search that has been executed by the user to obtain program recommendations; and

constructing said query with said top-N attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said constructing step is performed automatically in response to said user command by accessing a historical search database that indicates a number of times that each attribute-value pair appears in the at least one prior search.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said user command is provided by a single button click.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of receiving one or more default terms for a given attribute that supercede said corresponding top-N search terms.

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17.   (Currently amended)   The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of decomposing said query to identify attribute-value pairs contained in said query and incrementing a counter indicating a number of times each of said attribute-value pairs appears in a ~~user~~ query.

18.   (Currently Amended)   A system for searching <u>a list of available programs from</u> an electronic program guide, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to <u>execute the computer readable code to</u>:

~~obtain a list of available programs;~~

generate a ~~user~~ query in response to a command by a user, <u>wherein the user command comprises a request to generate program recommendations from the available programs;</u>

said ~~user~~ query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on <u>at least one</u> ~~a~~ prior ~~query~~ search that has been executed by the user <u>to obtain program recommendations;</u> and

compare attributes of said available programs to said attribute-value pairs <u>specified by</u> ~~in~~ said query to identify programs <u>from the available programs</u> satisfying said query.

19.   (Currently Amended)   A system for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

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a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to execute the computer readable code to:

receive a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieve one or more at least one prior query search of the electronic program guide searches that has have been executed by said user; and

generate said query comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said at least one prior query search searches.

20.    (Currently Amended)    A system for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising:

a memory for storing computer readable code; and

a processor operatively coupled to said memory, said processor configured to execute the computer readable code to:

receive a command from a user initiating said query;

retrieve the top-$N_s$ [[(]]where N is greater than or equal to zero,[[)]] attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in at least one prior a query search of the electronic program guide that has been executed by the user; and

construct said query with said top-N attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.

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21.    (Currently Amended)    An article of manufacture for searching a list of available programs from an electronic program guide, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means being executable to perform a method comprising:

a step to obtain a list of available programs;

a step to generate generating a user query in response to a command by a user, wherein the user command comprises a request to generate program recommendations from the available programs;

said user query specifying at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on at least one a prior query search that has been executed by the user to obtain program recommendations; and

a step to compare comparing attributes of said available programs to said attribute-value pairs specified by in said query to identify programs from the available programs satisfying said query.


22.    (Currently Amended)    An article of manufacture for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means being executable to perform a method comprising:

a step to receive receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

a step to retrieve retrieving at least one or more prior query search of the electronic program guide that has been executed by said user; and

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a step to generate generating said query comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, wherein at least one of said attribute-value pairs is selected based on said at least one prior search query searches.

23.    (Currently Amended)    An article of manufacture for constructing a query of an electronic program guide, wherein said query is comprised of at least one attribute-value pair for each of a plurality of program attributes, comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable code means embodied thereon, said computer readable program code means being executable to perform a method comprising:

a step to receive receiving a command from a user initiating said query;

a step to retrieve retrieving the top-N, [[(]]where N is greater than or equal to zero[[)]] attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute based on a number of times said attribute-value pairs have previously been utilized in at least one prior a query search of the electronic program guide that has been executed by the user; and

a step to construct constructing said query with said top-N attribute-value pairs for each possible attribute unless a default attribute-value pair has been specified for a given attribute.

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